



Federal Aviation
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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SMALL BUSINESS POLICY STATEMENT

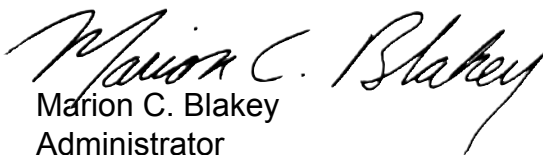
Of the approximately 22.4 million businesses in the United States, all but about 20,000 are small businesses. They provide over two thirds of the new jobs available in the United States every year and produce about 51 percent of private output. Small businesses are critical to helping the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provide the safest, most efficient, and responsive aviation system in the world. We cannot do our job without them.

A high priority of this Administration is to advance America's economic growth and competitiveness domestically and internationally. The FAA supports the Department of Transportation's, Global Connectivity Strategic Objective, which is to "facilitate a more efficient domestic and global transportation system that enables economic growth and development". The FAA's mission is to ensure a safe, secure, and efficient aviation system. We support expanding opportunities and promoting economic growth for all businesses, while especially encouraging and assisting small businesses, socially and economically disadvantaged 8(a) businesses, women-owned businesses, and service disabled veteran owned small businesses. The FAA will help small businesses compete on an equal level by taking the following actions:

- (1) Establishing annual direct and subcontract goals for small business participation in our procurements;
- (2) Encouraging prime contractors to take part in the FAA's Mentor/Protégé Program, through which they can mentor minority institutions including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Hispanic Serving Institutions, as well as socially and economically disadvantaged and women-owned small businesses;
- (3) Providing FAA's annual procurement forecast at the beginning of each fiscal year;
- (4) Conducting outreach to the small business community to tell them about procurement opportunities at FAA and how to do business with this agency; and
- (5) Monitoring how well each FAA line of business does in achieving its small business goals.

I expect all levels of management and procurement decision makers throughout FAA to actively support these goals.

As we lead the 21st century aviation community, we are committed to including small businesses, socially and economically disadvantaged 8(a) businesses, women-owned businesses, and service disabled veteran owned small businesses in the process.


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